Wisconsin Medicaid Fact Sheet

Emergency Medicaid

Emergency Medicaid is a short term program for people who have an emergency medical condition and cannot get regular Medicaid because of immigration or citizenship status.

A medical emergency is a medical problem which could put your health at serious risk or harm if you do not get medical care.

Note: Emergency Medicaid will only pay for emergency services. Emergency Medicaid does not guarantee the care you receive will be paid. It is possible that you will have to pay the cost of health care you receive, if it is not an emergency.

People who can get Emergency Medicaid are:

- Age 65 or older,
- Blind or disabled,
- Under the age of 19,
- Pregnant,
- Have children in the home, and
- Have income and assets at or below Medicaid limits.

Non-citizens do not have to give a Social Security Number or information about their immigration status to get Emergency Medicaid.

Emergency Medicaid Begin and End Dates
Emergency Medicaid begins on the first day you get medical care and ends when your condition is no longer an emergency.

If you are pregnant, you can apply for Emergency Medicaid one month before your due date. Emergency Medicaid will not pay for prenatal or postnatal care. However, Emergency Medicaid continues up to 60 days after your delivery date

Pregnant women may be able to get benefits under the BadgerCare Prenatal Program. This program covers routine doctor visits and hospital care. Your BadgerCare Prenatal Program benefits will end at the end of the month in which you have your baby.

For more information about the BadgerCare Prenatal Program, visit the Department of Health and Family Services' web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/factsheets/phc10026.htm.

How to Apply
You can apply for Emergency Medicaid through the local county/tribal human or social services agency (local agency). You can apply by mail, telephone or in person. To get an application, ask for help completing the application, or to find the local agency, call Recipient Services at (800) 362-3002 or visit the Medicaid web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid1/contacts/index.htm.

You may get a form from the medical provider that says you were treated for an emergency. You can include this form with your Emergency Medicaid application, but it is not required.

For More Information:

- Visit the Medicaid web site at http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid1/, or
- Contact Recipient Services at (800) 362-3002.

The Department of Health and Family Services is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need to access this information in an alternate format, or need it translated to another language, please contact (608) 266-3356 or (888) 701-1251 (TTY). All translation services are free of charge.

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